



Ruth Minna Grulke

October 4, 1921 - January 4, 2015

Ruth Minna Grulke, 93, of Rockford, IA, died peacefully on Sunday, January 4, 2015 at Rockwell Community Nursing Home in Rockwell, IA.

A visitation will be held from 4-6 pm on Friday, January 9, 2015 at Zion Lutheran Church, 805 E. Main, Rockford. A funeral service will be at 11:00 am on Saturday, January 10, 2015 at Zion Lutheran Church with a one hour prior visitation. Pastor Robert Schuerer will be officiating. Burial will follow at Riverside Cemetery in Rockford.

Ruth was born on October 4, 1921, in the town of Ixonia, Jefferson County, WI, the daughter of William and Minna (Wein) Schoen. She was baptized by Reverend H. Kahre on October 23, 1921, at Cross Lutheran Church in Ixonia, WI. She was confirmed by Reverend Waldamar Schlachtenhaufen on April 14, 1935, at Cross Lutheran Church where she sang in the church choir.

She attended Green Valley School, a country school, where she graduated from eighth grade. She participated in school plays and was recognized for her high jump abilities in track.

Ruth and Harvey Grulke were married by Reverend Gehardt Reiff on September 14, 1941, at Cross Lutheran Church. This marriage was blessed with one daughter, Eileen. Harvey and Ruth farmed near Ashippun, WI. They

milked their dairy cows by hand producing 500 pounds of milk daily.

In March of 1955 the family moved to Watertown, WI, where Harvey worked for the Watertown Street Department, sweeping streets and plowing snow. Ruth enjoyed being a mother, baking, gardening, sewing and needlework. She worked at Central Bakery and later at Vogue Dry Cleaners. The family was active members of St. John's Lutheran Church in Watertown.

After retirement in 1990, Ruth and Harvey moved to Rockford to be closer to their daughter and her husband Ken, and grandchildren. Ruth loved her grandchildren and played dominoes and sheepshead with them. She will also be remembered for making her delicious dumpling soup with chicken.

Those left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Eileen (Kenneth) Trettin of Rockford; grandchildren, Heather (Shawn) FitzGerald of Dallas Center, IA, Anthony (Jenny) Trettin of Mason City, Christopher Trettin of Santa Monica, CA, and Reed (Tracy) Trettin of North Liberty, IA; great-grandchildren, Claire and Brianne FitzGerald of Dallas Center, Harley Trettin of Mason City, William, Wyatt and Alaina Trettin of North Liberty.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Harvey on June 18, 1998; parents, William and Minna Schoen; brother, Clarence Schoen; half brother, Albert Schoen; half sisters, Adela Schoen and Sadie (Alvin) Tietz; and many other close family members.

Memorials may be given to the Ruth Grulke Memorial Fund.

Arrangements are with Fullerton Schumburg Funeral Home, 302 West Main, Rockford, Iowa 50468 641-756-3311, www.Fullertonfh.com

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

Rockford, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 9. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church
805 E Main
Rockford, IA

Visitation

JAN 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church
805 E Main
Rockford, IA

Service

JAN 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Graveside Service

JAN 10. 12:00 PM (CT)

Riverside Cemetery
Rockford, IA

Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Minna Grulke*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Dear Eileen and family:*

It has been many years but I have the best memories of growing up next to Clarence's farm and playing with you when you and your mom and dad would visit Clarence.

I remember that I always enjoyed your mom and dad because they seemed so happy together and were always so nice to my brother Alfie and me.

I am sorry for your loss but happy you had your mom for so long and that she moved to be near you.

I live in Pennsylvania now but get back to Watertown once a year. [I drive down CW and always stop at Cross Lutheran cemetery and look in on Clarence] I saw the obituary on line and yes , thinking of your mom brought back many happy memories of a lovely lady and some very happy times with you and your family.

Sincere sympathy for your loss.

*Madeleine [Honey Behm] Vedejs
madeleine.vedejs@gmail.com*

Madeleine Behm Vedejs - January 07, 2015 at 06:56 PM

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“*Eileen, I thought the world of your parents, they were the best of neighbors. Your dad was the best employee the city had, and your mom was always so helpful at the bakery and the cleaners. I sure missed them when they moved. I have retired and spend the winters in Fort Myers. Florida. My sympathy for loss.*

David Pederson

Dave Pederson - January 07, 2015 at 11:42 AM